

## **INVENTORY ON-LINE METHOD FOR THE INTERNET**

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

**[0090]** An inventory online (IOL) method and system provides the control and data for a virtually supplemented inventory for the maintenance inventory holder (MIH) reducing the required on site inventory size and, consequently, the inventory cost. The MIH is provided with an Inventory Online (IOL) through inventory control software over the Internet. This will in effect replace a portion of the normally required In-house Inventory (IHI) with inventories held by specific vendors (VI), inventories held by the general market (GMI) or shared inventories held in common with other MIHs (SI). The system provides control pages for inventory listing, inventory costing, shared inventory, online offer for sale of excess inventory, search and message capability, and a system wide item search utilizing the UPC code.

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